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NOTIFICATION

G.O.(P)No.6/2026/TRANS *Dated, Thiruvananthapuram 21st February, 2026*

S. R. O. No. 237/2026

In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (1) of section (2) of the Kerala Public Services Act, 1968 (19 of 1968), the Government of Kerala hereby make the following rules further to amend the Special Rules for the Kerala Transport Service issued under G.O.(P) No. 91/81/TF&P dated 05th October, 1981 and published as S.R.O. No. 1164/81 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.792 dated 14th October, 1981, namely:-

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RULES

1. *Short title and commencement.* - (1) These rules may be called the Kerala Transport Service (Amendment) Rules, 2026.

(2) They shall come into force at once.

2. *Amendment of the Rules.*- In the Special Rules for the Kerala Transport Service, 1981,-

(1) in rule 3, in the Table under sub-rule (a), against category 4 under column (1),

(i) The existing 'Note' under column (2) 'Method of appointment', shall be numbered as 'Note 1'.

(ii) In the existing note and its provisos under column (2) 'Method of appointment', for the figures and symbol "2:1" wherever they occur, the figures and symbol "8:1" shall be substituted.

(iii) After the existing note and its provisos, the following note shall be inserted, namely:-

"Note 2: - The ratio of 8:1 shall be applied taking into account the cadre strength of the officers belonging to category 4."

(iv) The existing note under Rule 3, sub-rule (b), shall be deleted."

(2) In rule 4,-

(i) in sub-rule (d) after the item 3, the following item shall be inserted, namely :-

"4. Pass in Departmental Test conducted by Kerala Public Service Commission on Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhitha, 2023 and Kerala Manual of Office Procedure (for Motor Vehicles Inspectors in the Kerala Transport Service)."

(ii) for sub-rule (e) the following shall be substituted, namely:-

Saving:- "(i) Notwithstanding anything contained in sub-rule (d), the qualifications specified as items 1 to 3 therein shall not be applicable to persons belonging to category 4 who entered in, or promoted from, the said category and also to persons who entered

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into the feeder categories for by-transfer appointment to category 4, prior to 16th February 2022, i.e., the date of commencement of the Kerala Transport Service (Amendment) Special Rules, 2022 issued under G.O.(P)No.4/2022/TRANS dated 16th February, 2022 and published as S.R.O. No.149/2022 in the Kerala Gazette Extraordinary No.539 dated 16th February, 2022.

Provided that such persons appointed to the said category shall, as far as possible, be posted in posts having administrative or non-technical nature.

"(ii) The qualifications specified as item (4) in sub-rule (d), inserted by the amendment in Rule 2, sub-rule (2), clause (i) above, shall not be applicable to those who have already entered in category 4 prior to the date of notification of these (Amendment) Rules. Those who are in the feeder category as on the date of notification of these (Amendment) Rules shall be allowed two years from the said date, to acquire the qualification prescribed as item (4) in sub-rule (d)."

'(3) After Rule 7, the following rule shall be inserted, namely:-

8. Training.- If appointed to category 4, by transfer from among the Senior Superintendents / Junior Accounts Officers, shall undergo a training for a period of three months as prescribed by the Government.

Provided that this rule shall not be applicable to those who have already entered in category 4 prior to the date of notification of these (Amendment) Rules.'

By order of the Governor,

P.B. NOOH, IAS,
Special Secretary to Government.

Explanatory Note

(This does not form part of the notification but it is intended to indicate its general purport.)

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The promotion prospects of the Motor Vehicles Inspectors and Senior Superintendents as per the existing Special Rules, is such that there are 4 posts of Joint Regional Transport Officers for every five Senior Superintendents, whereas there is only one post of Joint Regional Transport Officer for every five Motor Vehicles Inspectors, in the existing ratio of 2:1. Further it is observed that the ratio 2:1 was fixed in the year 1981 (w.e.f. 01-10-1975), at the time of framing of the Special Rules for Kerala Transport Service, when there were only 12 permanent posts of Motor Vehicles Inspectors and 6 permanent posts of Senior Superintendents in the Motor Vehicles Department. At present there are 89 Joint Regional Transport Officers, 290 Motor Vehicles Inspectors and 36 Senior Superintendents in the Kerala Motor Vehicles Department.

The present cadre strength of Motor Vehicles Inspectors (290) and Senior Superintendents (36), in the existing ratio of 2:1 is disproportional, highly detrimental and has been adversely affecting the functioning of the Motor Vehicles Department, since the post of Joint Regional Transport Officer is a technical post which comes under Kerala Transport Service.

The Joint Regional Transport Officers are the supervisory officers of the Motor Vehicles Inspectors and have to interact with court procedures and to deal with other uniformed departments. Hence Departmental test conducted by Kerala Public Service Commission in the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhitha, 2023 and Kerala Manual of Office Procedure (for Motor Vehicles Inspectors in the Kerala Transport Service) is made mandatory for the cadre of Joint Regional Transport Officers.

The Motor Vehicles Inspectors are the promotion post of Assistant Motor Vehicles Inspectors included in Kerala Transport Subordinate Services and as per Rule 11 of Notification No. G.O. (P)No.28/2022/TRANS dated 01.10.2022 (S.R.O. No.947/2022) prescribes mandatory training. Hence training needs to be imparted to those who are entering into the Kerala Transport Service as Joint Regional Transport Officers through by-transfer appointments from among Senior Superintendents/ Junior Accounts Officers.

In light of the above, the Government have decided to refix the existing ratio in a fair and equitable manner in accordance with the present cadre strength of the feeder categories of Joint Regional Transport Officer and also to impart mandatory training to those officers promoted by-transfer from among the Senior Superintendents/Junior Accounts Officers to the post of Joint Regional Transport Officer.

This notification is intended to achieve the above object.

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